West Region Cooperative Soil Survey Conference

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- NASIS originally released in 1994
- UNIX® based with INFORMIX® database management system
- Has had several updates
- Currently at version 5.4

- Converts current functionality of NASIS to Microsoft .NET® and SQL Server® platform
  - Current industry and agency standard
  - Will facilitate later integration of spatial data

- New interface
- Similar to other Microsoft® applications
  - Rearrange, hide/unhide, and resize columns
  - Sort on any column
  - Filter data
  - View all rows in any table

- Will be a client based application
  - SQL Server Express® on local computer
    - Connected via network to central server
  - Will download subset database (replica) to your computer
  - Uses replication processes to keep data synchronized with central server
  - Conflict resolution
  - Can disconnect your computer from network to edit data

- Report, query, and interpretation editors are different
  - Will work like Soil Data Mart Report Manager
  - Interpretation editor will automatically load sub-rules, evaluations, and property scripts

- Existing reports, queries, rules, evaluations, and properties will be converted
  - Many reports and queries will need revision due to data model changes
  - Interpretations should mostly be OK

- Revised Soil Survey Schedule schema
  - Includes Technical Soil Services
  - New Project data object
- Mapunit tables become separate data object – ownership by map unit

- Subaqueous soil proposals
- Mica proposal
- More anthropogenic choices
- Gypsum choices
- Data certification proposal
- National mapunit symbol
- Several minor additions/changes

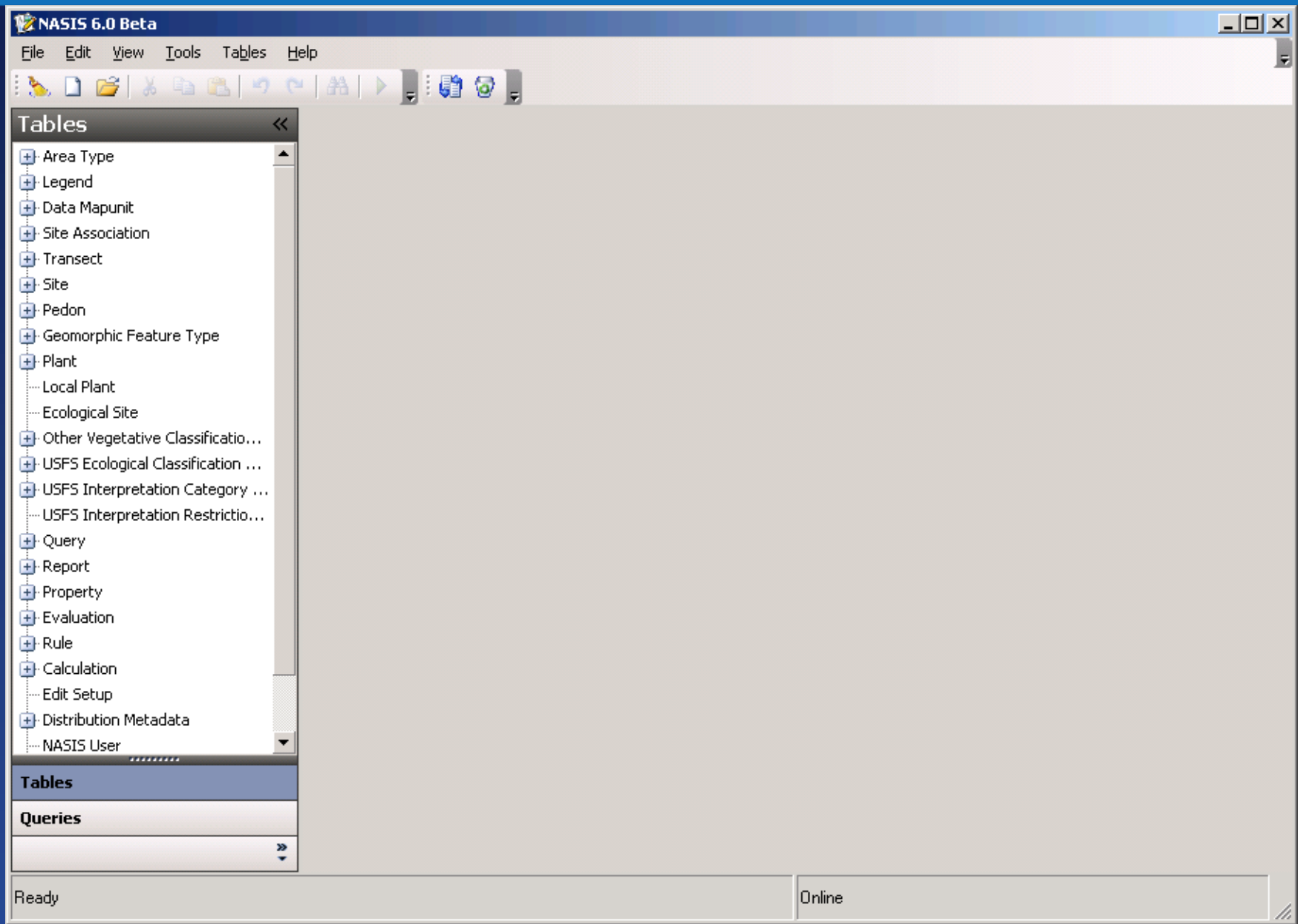
- SSURGO changing edits will be made after 6.0 is released
  - These impact other applications such as Soil Data Mart, Web Soil Survey, Access templates, and Soil Data Viewer rules.

- The process will change
  - In 6.0, the pedon.mdb file will be converted into SQL Server Express® format on your local computer, then saved to NASIS

- Some training will be needed
  - New user interface and processes
  - Paul Finnell plans to update existing training modules
  - Plan to use Live Meeting or Net Meeting sessions as much as possible
  - Record sessions for later playback

- SQL Server Express® will need to be loaded on all computers.
- Some data clean-up
  - Choice list implemented for Principal Meridians
  - Names listed in Legend Staff table will be converted to NASIS User names – need to match.
- Guidance will be distributed

- Early testing has begun
- Beta testing – Sept/Oct 2008
- Final testing – Oct/Nov 2008
- Release 6.0 and convert data – Dec 2008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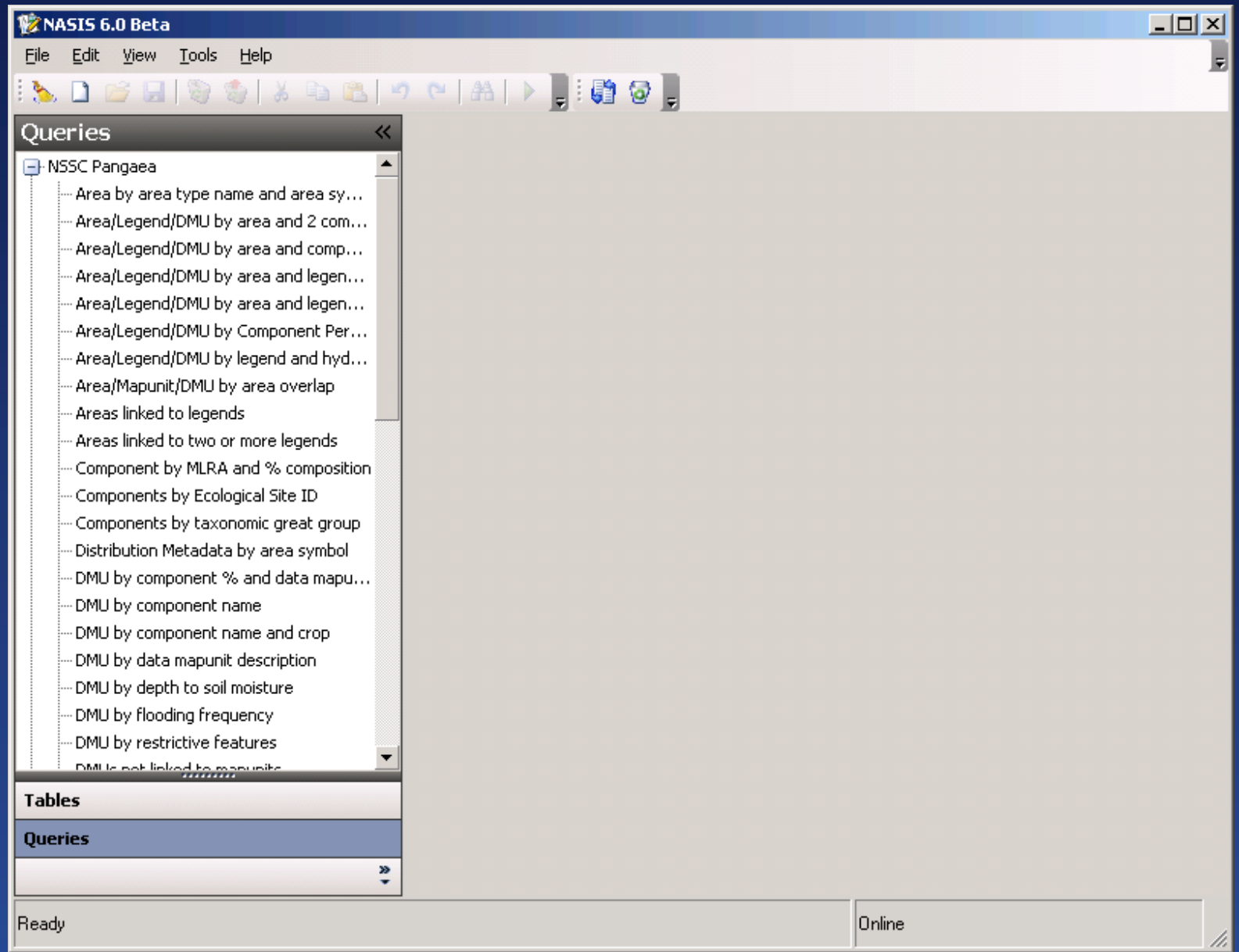
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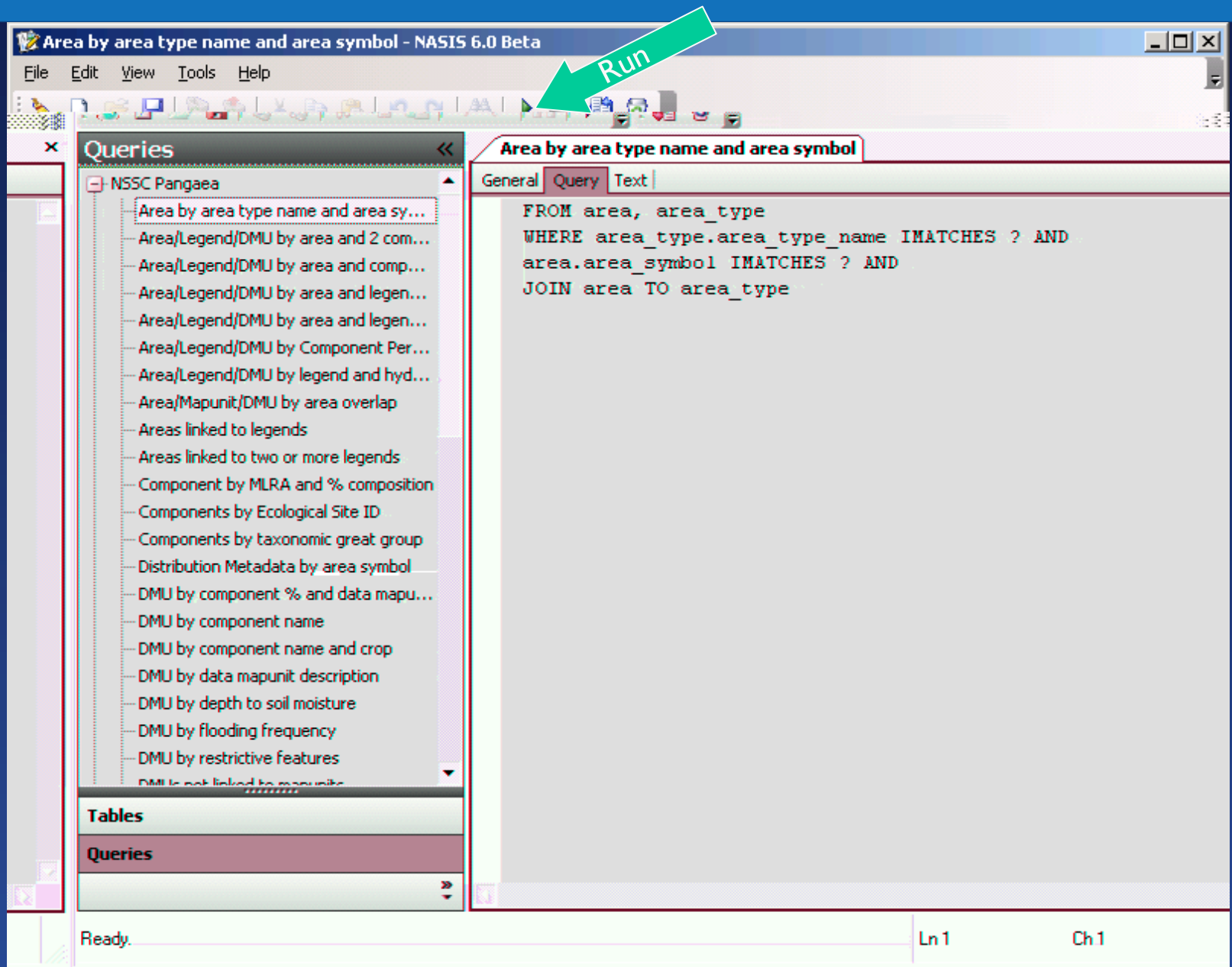
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WHERE area_type.area_type_name IMATCHES ? AND
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JOIN area TO area_type
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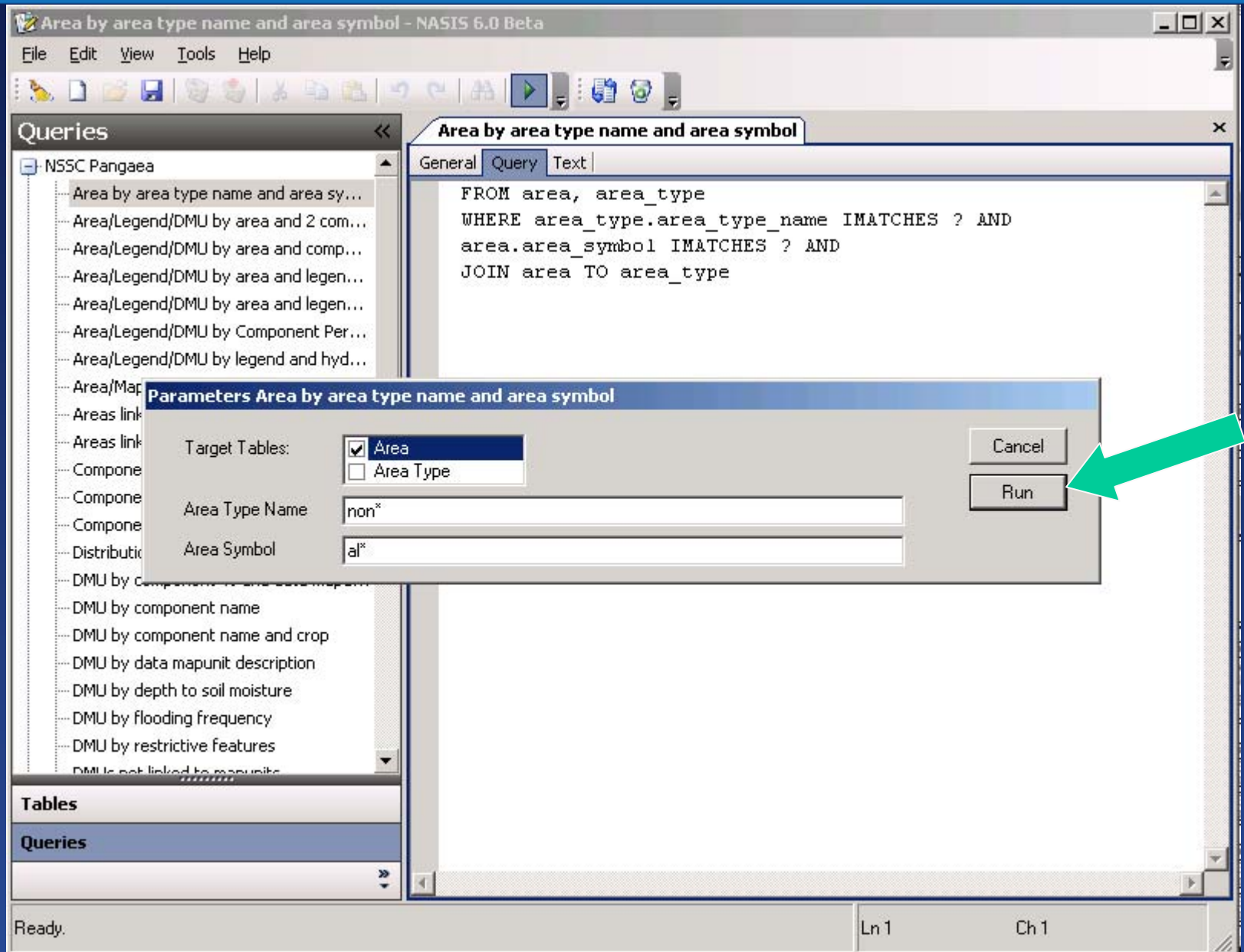
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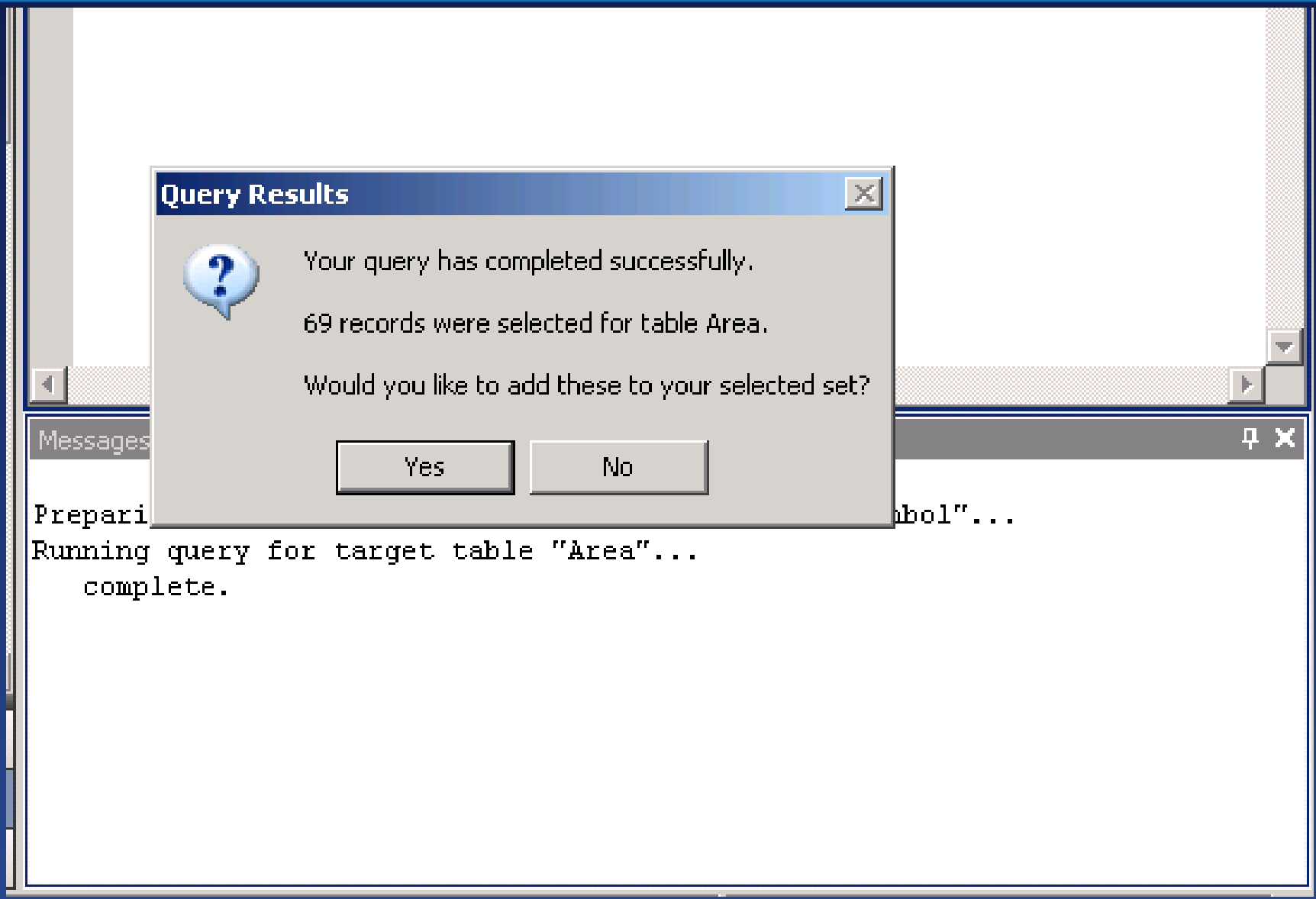
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Your query has completed successfully.
69 records were selected for table Area.
Would you like to add these to your selected set?
Yes
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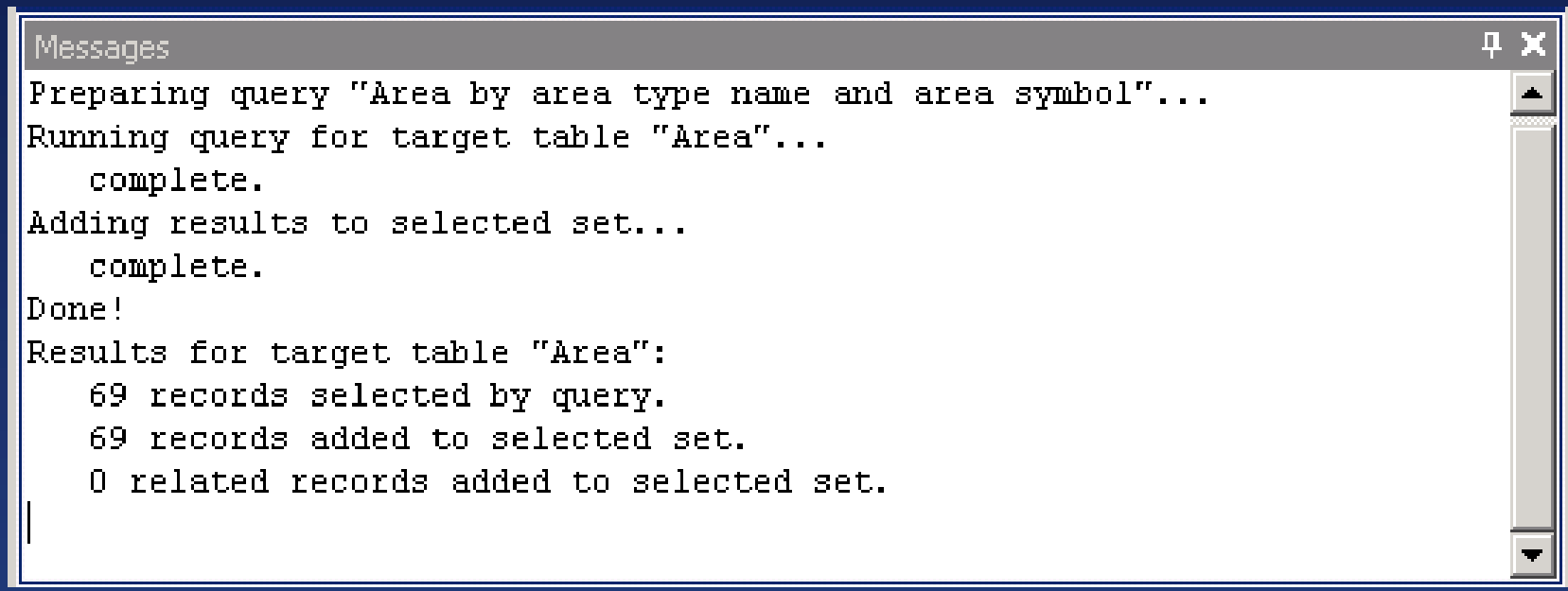
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complete.
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complete.
Done!
Results for target table "Area":
69 records selected by query.
69 records added to selected set.
0 related records added to selected set.

Messages

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Preparing query "components by component name"...
Running query for target table "Component"...
   complete.
Adding results to selected set...
   complete.
Done!
Results for target table "Component":
   22 records selected by query.
   22 records added to selected set.
   1236 related records added to selected set.
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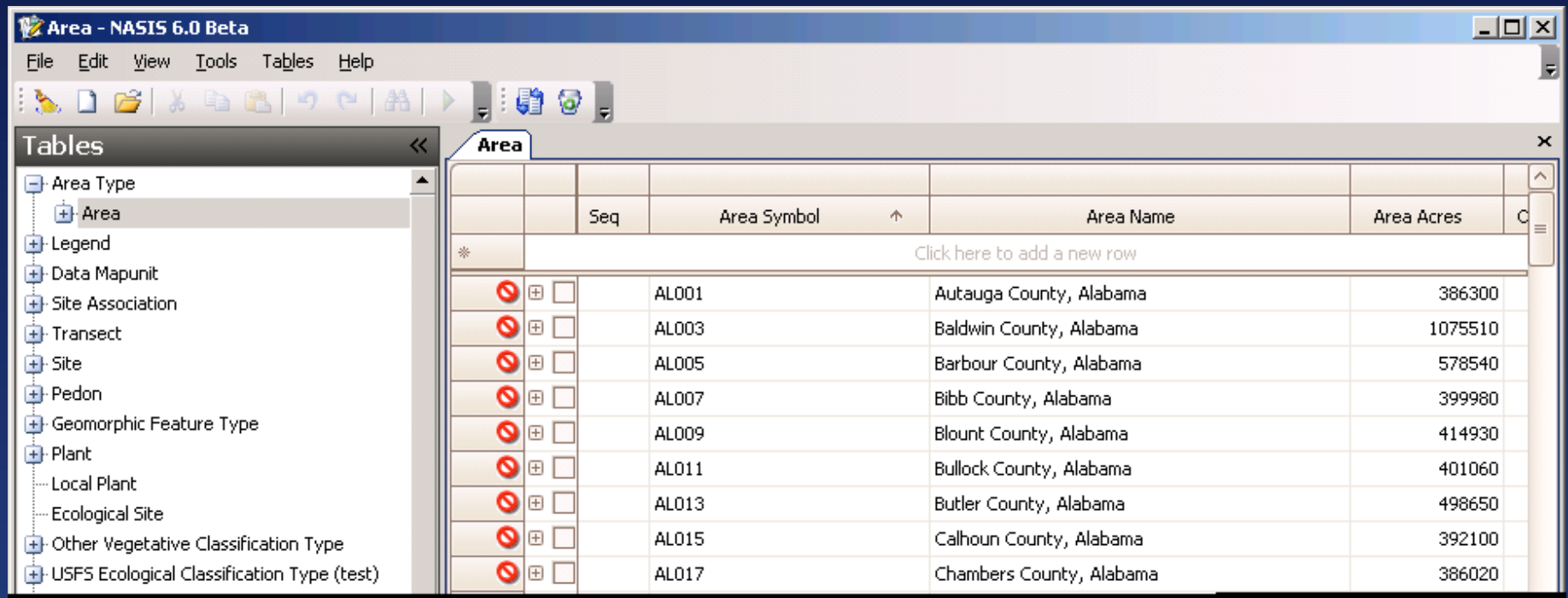
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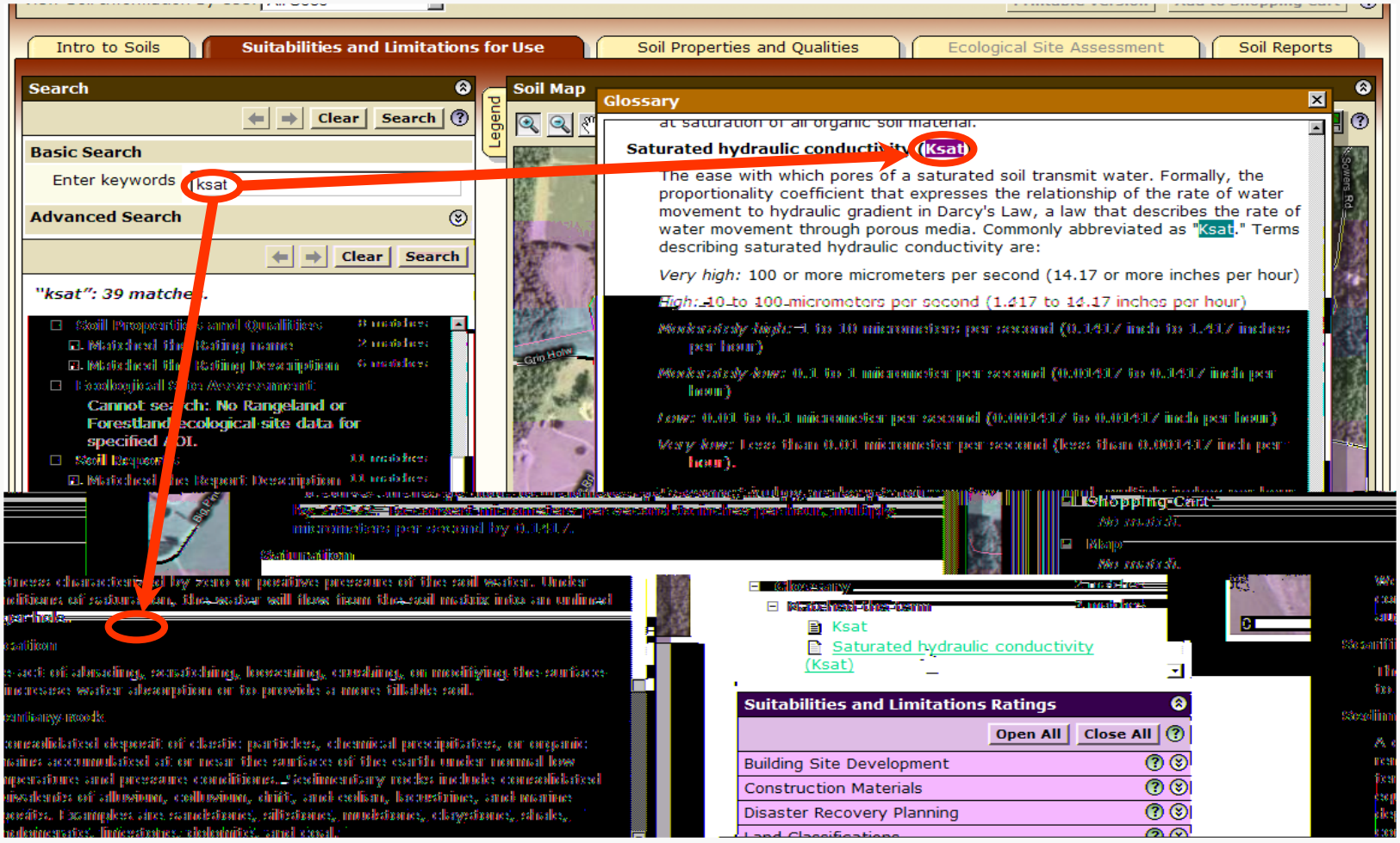
USFS Ecological Classification Type (test)
Area
Seq
Area Symbol
Area Name
Area Acres
Click here to add a new row
AL001 Autauga County, Alabama 386300
AL003 Baldwin County, Alabama 1075510
AL005 Barbour County, Alabama 578540
AL007 Bibb County, Alabama 399980
AL009 Blount County, Alabama 414930
AL011 Bullock County, Alabama 401060
AL013 Butler County, Alabama 498650
AL015 Calhoun County, Alabama 392100
AL017 Chambers County, Alabama 386020

- Content management system
- Import USFS data from Terra
- Form-based data entry
- SSURGO - data model changes
- Spatial data integration
- Dynamic soil properties (soil change)
- Integrated resource inventory system
- Integration of lab data

- Beta testing SOON (volunteers?)
- Programming should be completed July 2008
- Available for general use once ITS in Kansas City deploys new servers and loads the applications

- Search function
  - Should help new users find desired information
  - Searches on keywords or phrases

Search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Ecological Site Assessment
Soil Reports
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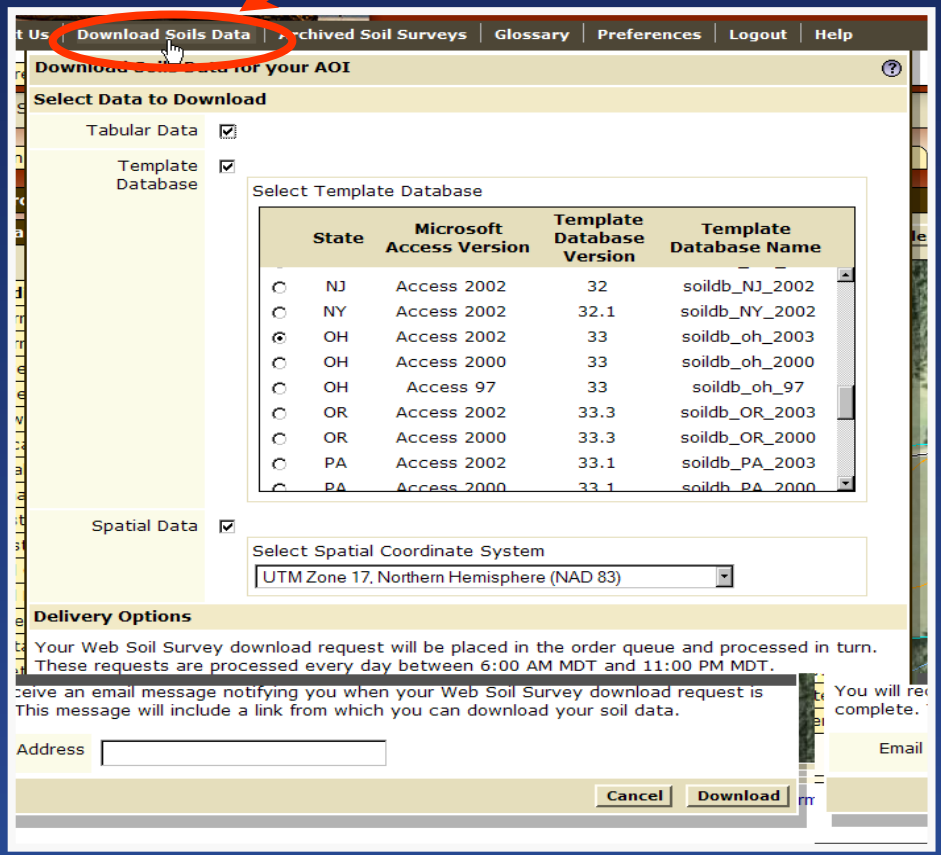
Soil Map
Legend
Glossary
Saturated hydraulic conductivity (Ksat)
The ease with which pores of a saturated soil transmit water. Formally, the proportionality coefficient that expresses the relationship of the rate of water movement to hydraulic gradient in Darcy's Law, a law that describes the rate of water movement through porous media. Commonly abbreviated as "Ksat." Terms describing saturated hydraulic conductivity are:
Very high: 100 or more micrometers per second (14.17 or more inches per hour)
Ksat
Saturated hydraulic conductivity (Ksat)
Suitabilities and Limitations Ratings
Open All
Close All
Building Site Development
Construction Materials
Disaster Recovery Planning

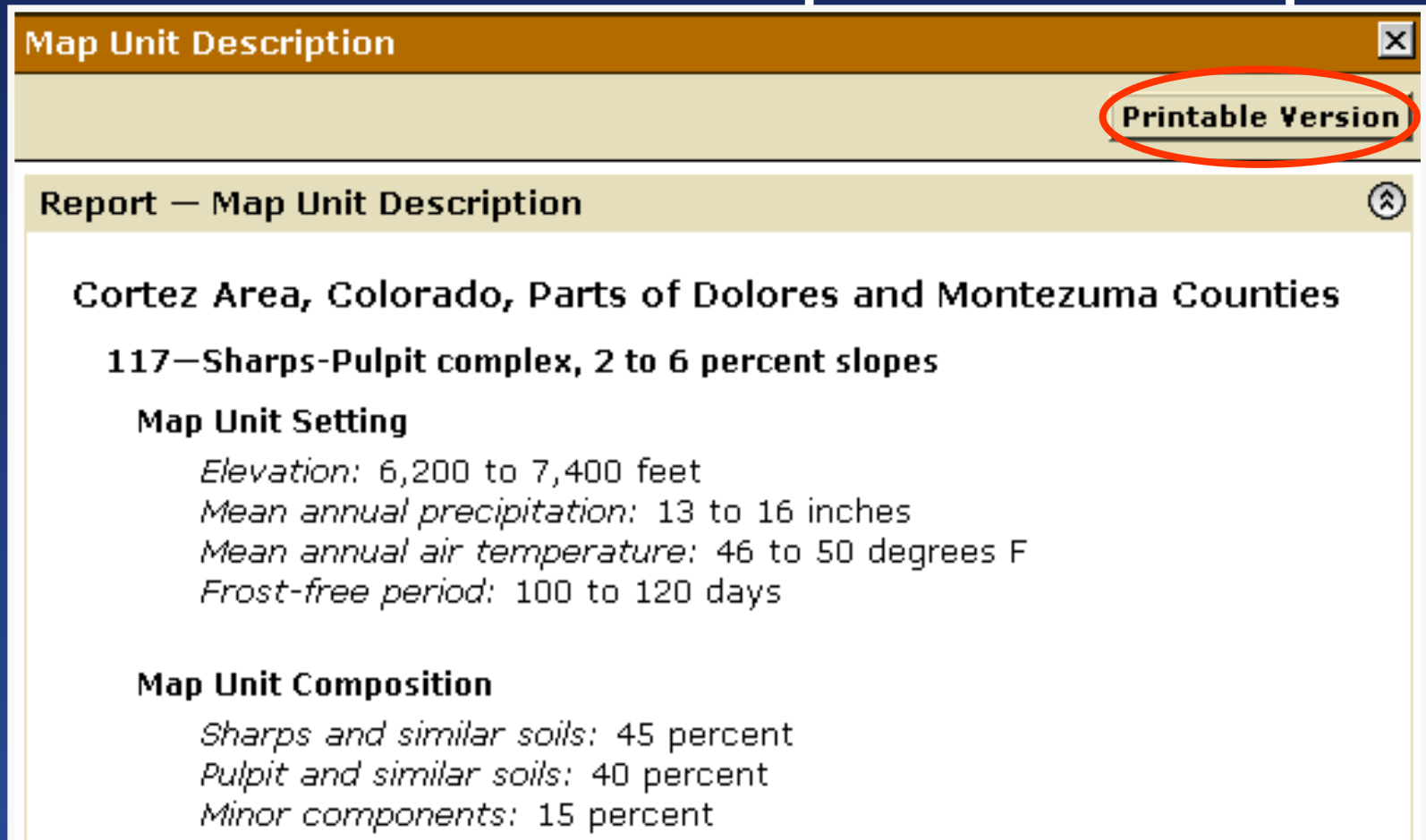
- Clip, zip, & ship
  - Clips and downloads SSURGO data for the AOI

Clip, Zip, and Ship (AOI Data Download)

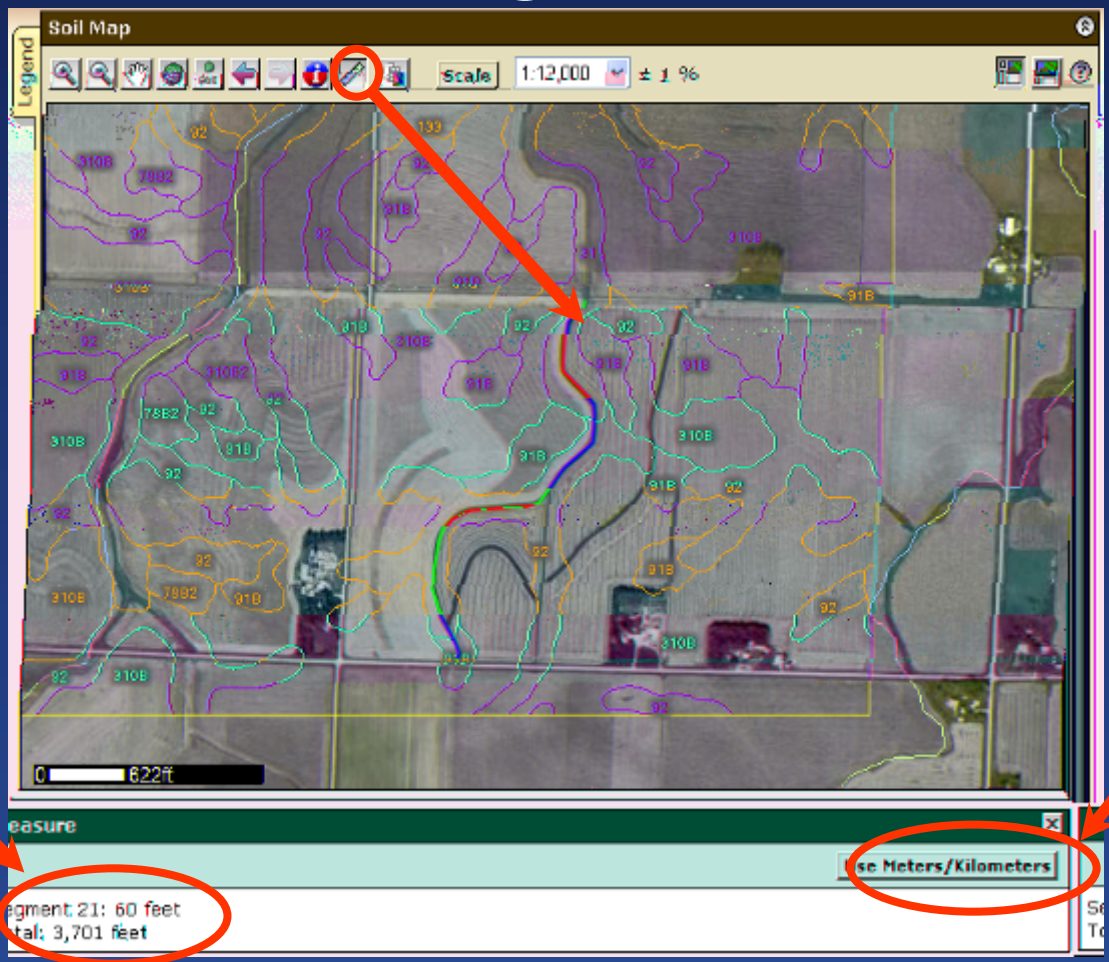


- Spatial data down-loaded in your choice of projection (UTM, State plane, geographic)
- Attribute data downloaded for import into a SSURGO template of your choice

- Print individual map unit descriptions



- Linear measuring tool

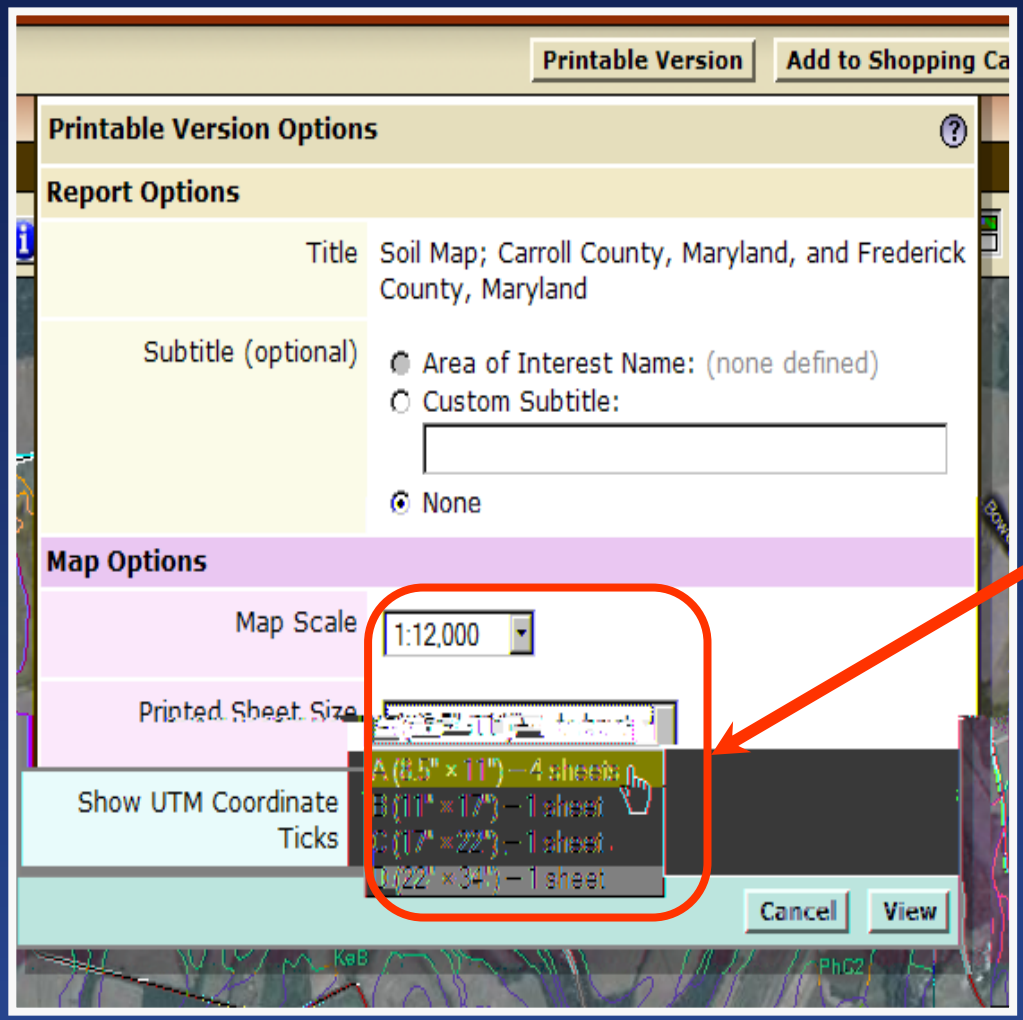


Distance for Multiple Segments and Totals

Metric or English Dimensions

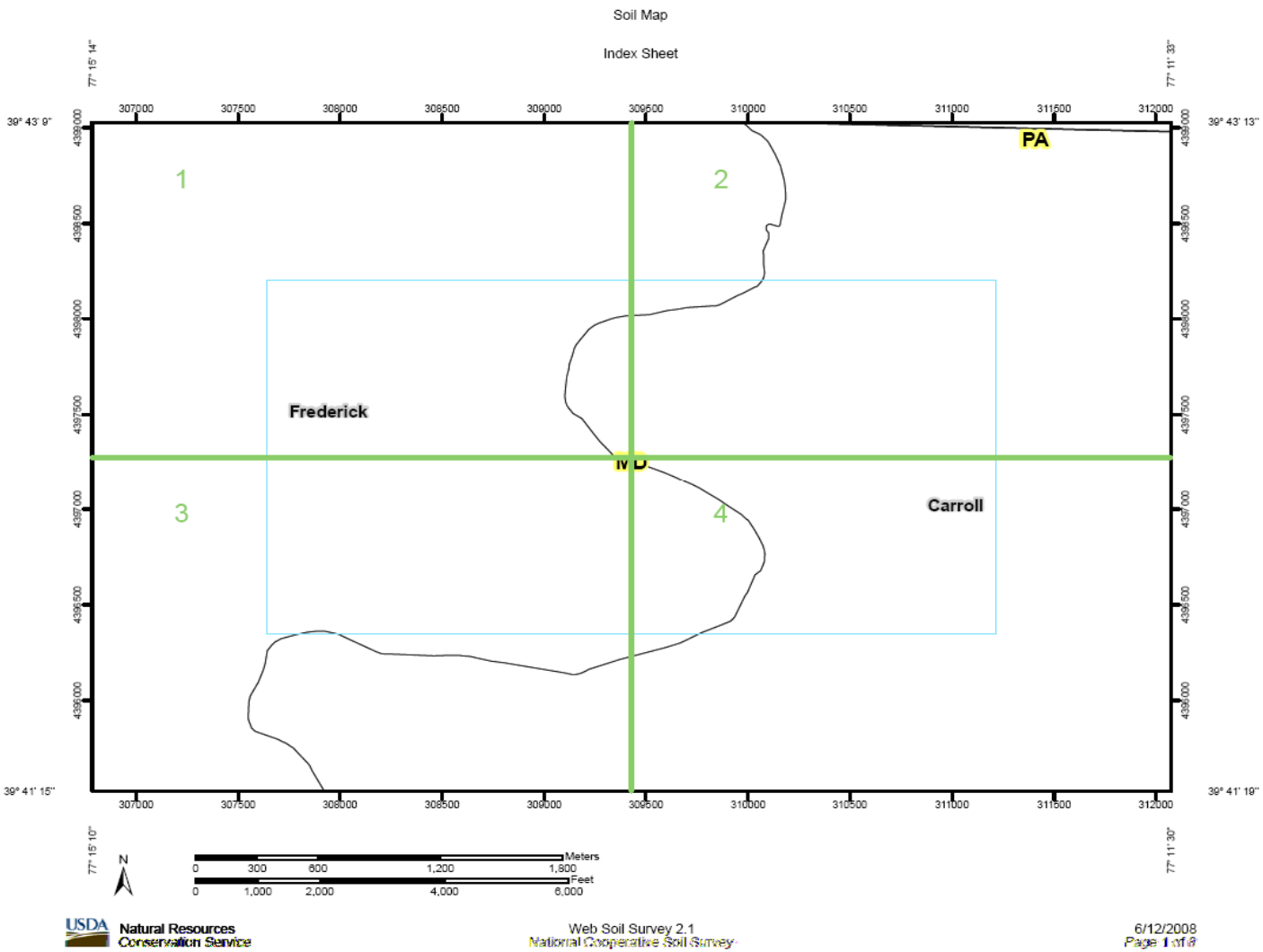
- Improved map unit symbol placement
- Disclaimers added
  - On-site investigation
  - Estimated vs. measured data
  - Maximum scale of maps
- New navigation data layers

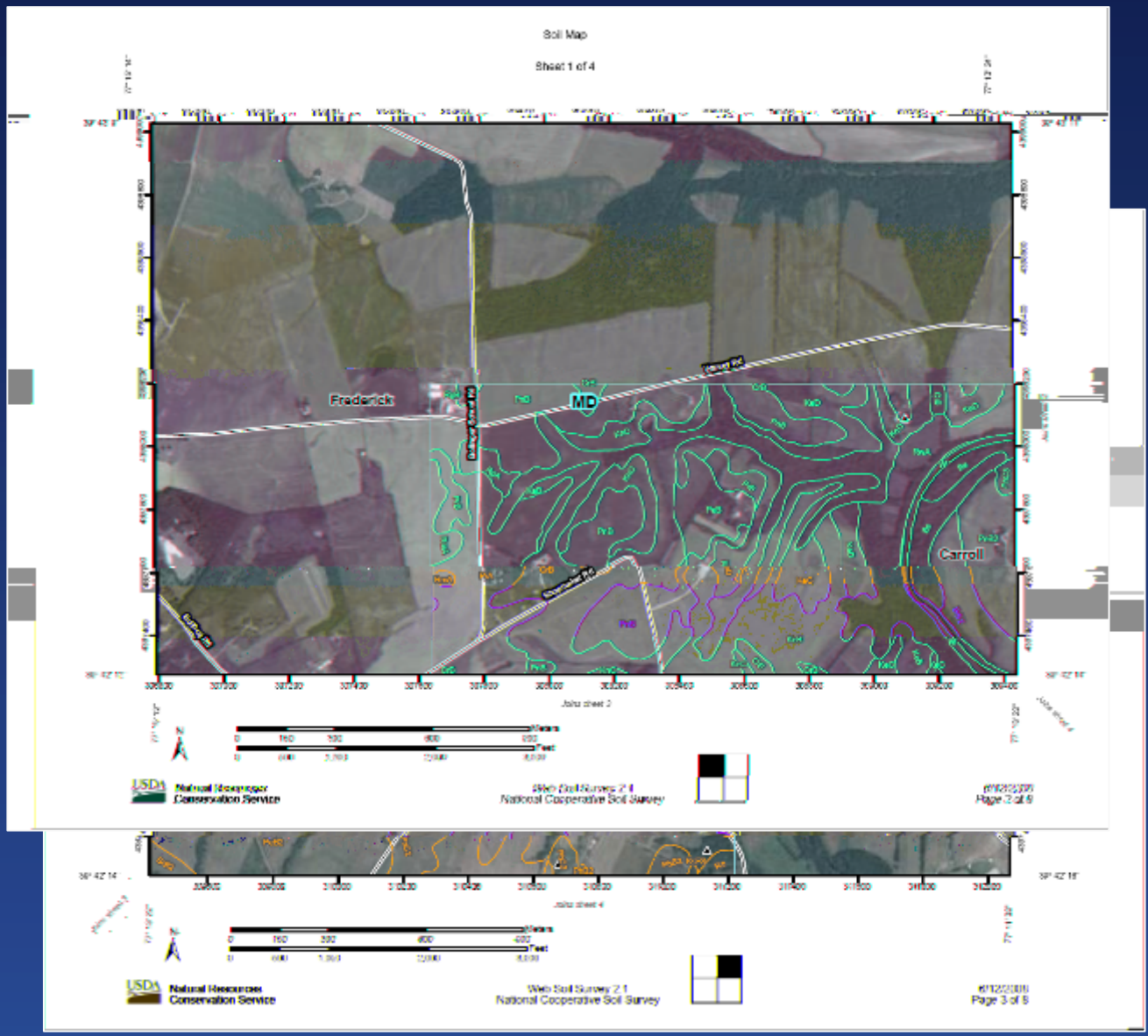
- Tiling of printed maps
  - Based on user selected scale and paper size
  - 2x2, 3x3, or 4x4
  - Includes map index sheet



- Scale
- Individual sheet size

Map Index Sheet





Individual Tiled Map Sheets